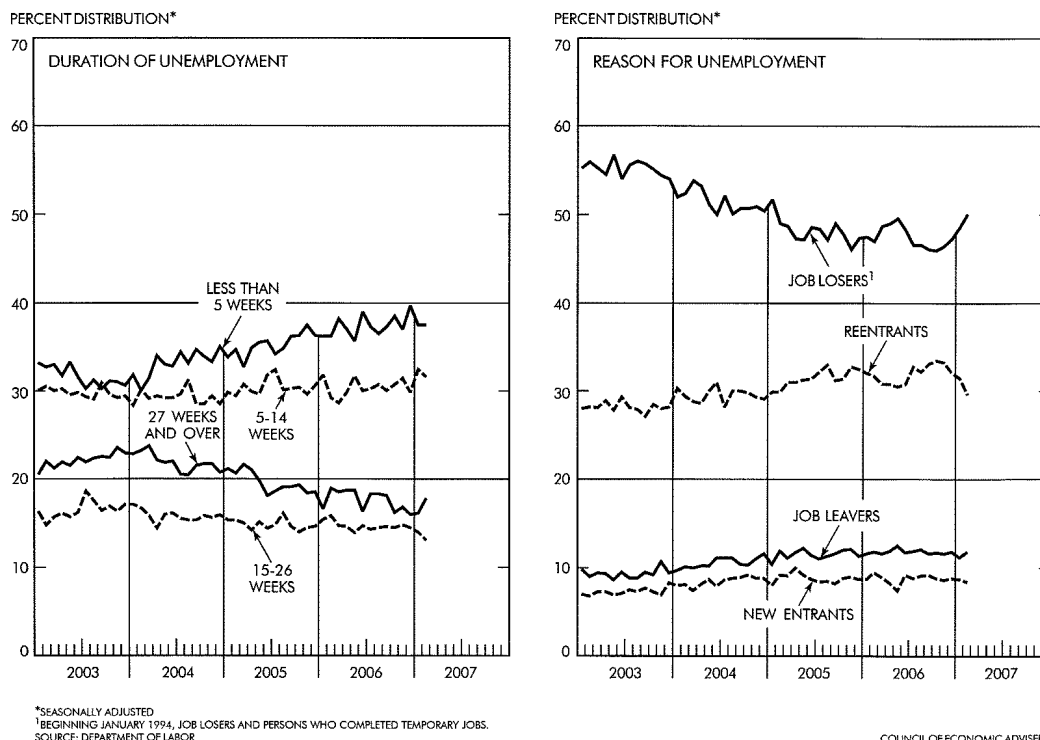


SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In February, the percentage of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks was unchanged; the percentages for 5-14 weeks and for 15-26 weeks fell; and the percentage for 27 weeks and over rose. The mean duration of unemployment rose to 16.4 weeks and the median duration was unchanged at 8.1 weeks.



[Monthly data seasonally adjusted, except as noted]

Period	Un-employment (thousands)	Duration of unemployment						Reason for unemployment: percent distribution				State programs		Insured unemployment, all regular program (unadjusted) ²
		Percent distribution				Number of weeks		Job los- ers ¹	Job leav- ers	Reen- trants	New en- trants	Insured unem- plov- ment	Initial claims	
		Less than 5 weeks	5-14 weeks	15-26 weeks	27 weeks and over	Aver- age (mean)	Median							
Weekly average, thousands														
1997	6,739	37.7	31.7	14.8	15.8	15.8	8.0	45.1	11.8	34.7	8.4	2,323	323	2,366
1998	6,210	42.2	31.4	12.3	14.1	14.5	6.7	45.5	11.8	34.3	8.4	2,222	321	2,257
1999	5,880	43.7	31.2	12.8	12.3	13.4	6.4	44.6	13.3	34.1	8.0	2,188	298	2,219
2000	5,692	44.9	31.9	11.8	11.4	12.6	5.9	44.2	13.7	34.5	7.6	2,110	301	2,141
2001	6,801	42.0	32.3	14.0	11.8	13.1	6.8	51.1	12.3	29.9	6.8	2,974	404	3,007
2002	8,378	34.5	30.8	16.3	18.3	16.6	9.1	55.0	10.3	28.3	6.4	3,585	407	3,619
2003	8,774	31.7	29.8	16.4	22.1	19.2	10.1	55.1	9.3	28.2	7.3	3,531	404	3,569
2004	8,149	33.1	29.2	15.9	21.8	19.6	9.8	51.5	10.5	29.5	8.4	2,950	345	2,995
2005	7,591	35.1	30.4	14.9	19.6	18.4	8.9	48.3	11.5	31.4	8.8	2,661	328	2,706
2006	7,001	37.3	30.3	14.7	17.6	16.8	8.3	47.4	11.8	32.0	8.8	2,476	313	2,518
2006: Feb	7,158	36.2	29.2	15.8	18.9	17.8	8.9	47.0	11.8	31.7	9.5	2,494	303	3,040
Mar	7,009	38.2	28.6	14.7	18.5	17.0	8.5	48.7	11.6	30.8	8.9	2,446	309	2,650
Apr	7,098	37.0	29.8	14.6	18.7	16.9	8.5	49.0	11.9	30.8	8.3	2,423	315	2,660
May	7,006	35.7	31.7	13.9	18.7	17.1	8.5	49.6	12.5	30.5	7.4	2,408	330	2,266
June	6,984	39.0	30.0	14.7	16.3	16.1	7.6	48.3	11.7	30.8	9.2	2,423	308	2,169
July	7,228	37.3	30.2	14.3	18.3	17.3	8.2	46.6	11.9	32.8	8.8	2,469	313	2,637
Aug	7,116	36.5	30.7	14.5	18.3	17.3	8.4	46.6	12.1	32.2	9.1	2,486	317	2,265
Sept	6,912	37.3	30.0	14.6	18.1	17.2	8.1	46.1	11.6	33.1	9.2	2,441	314	2,090
Oct	6,715	38.5	30.7	14.5	16.2	16.4	8.0	46.0	11.7	33.5	8.8	2,435	311	2,281
Nov	6,826	37.0	31.4	14.8	16.8	16.3	8.2	46.5	11.6	33.3	8.6	2,467	326	2,218
Dec	6,849	39.7	29.8	14.5	16.0	15.9	7.3	47.3	11.8	32.1	8.8	2,470	317	2,630
2007: Jan	7,017	37.5	32.4	14.0	16.1	16.2	8.1	48.6	11.2	31.5	8.7	2,507	r 306
Feb	6,865	37.5	31.6	13.1	17.8	16.4	8.1	50.1	11.8	29.6	8.4	p 338

¹ Beginning January 1994, job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs.

² Includes State (50 States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands), ex-servicemen (UCX), and Federal (UCFE). Also includes Federal and State extended benefit programs. Does not include Railroad (RR) program, Federal supplemental compensation or Emergency Unemployment Compensation programs.

NOTE.—Data relate to persons age 16 years and over (except for insured unemployment and initial claims).

Source: Department of Labor (Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment and Training Administration).